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**GOVERNOR FLETCHER APPOINTS MEMBER TO THE  
KENTUCKY PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

FRANKFORT, Ky. – Governor Ernie Fletcher today announced the appointment of John W. Clay as a member of the Kentucky Public Service Commission (PSC). Clay has been deputy secretary of the Environmental and Public Protection Cabinet (EPPC).

“As a certified public accountant with more than 30 years of experience in financial management, John Clay’s knowledge and background will serve him well as a utility regulator,” said Governor Fletcher. “I know he will do an outstanding job as a member of the PSC. John is smart and capable. He will be very conscientious in overseeing that utilities which operate in this state provide reliable services at reasonable costs.”

Clay noted that he is familiar with the work done by the PSC, which is attached to EPPC for administrative purposes.

“I am honored to join the PSC, which has a well-deserved reputation for excellence,” he said. “I look forward to the challenge of tackling complex issues that affect every Kentuckian and to helping move our Commonwealth forward.”

Clay will serve the remainder of the term of former PSC Vice-Chairman Teresa J. Hill, who was named by Governor Fletcher to be secretary of EPPC. The PSC term expires on June 30, 2009. Clay’s appointment is effective immediately.

Clay has been deputy secretary of EPPC since March 1, 2005. He previously served as executive director of the Office of Alcohol Beverage Control in the Department of Public Protection.

Before joining the Fletcher administration, Clay was director of finance for Southern Wine & Spirits of Kentucky Inc., formerly Crane Distributing Co. Prior to his 17 years in the beverage industry, Clay was tax manager for two accounting firms.

Clay is a graduate of Georgetown College, where he received a bachelor's degree in business administration. He completed additional accounting studies at the University of Kentucky. He is a past member of the Kentucky State Board of Accountancy, serving one term as president, and a current member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. He also is a member of the Kentucky Society of CPAs and serves on its Ethics Committee. Clay also serves on the Administration and Finance Committee of the National Association of State Boards of Accountancy.

Clay and his wife D'Ann reside in Lexington. Their daughter, son-in-law and three grandchildren live in Louisville.

The PSC is composed of three commissioners who serve overlapping four-year terms. It regulates more than 1,500 gas, water, sewer, electric and telecommunication utilities operating in the commonwealth of Kentucky and has approximately 110 employees.

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